

REMARKS

Claims 1-10 are presented in this application. Claims 1 and 7 are independent.

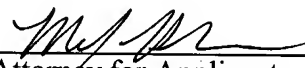
The Abstract of the Disclosure and the Specification have been amended. No new matter has been added.

Claims 1-10 have been amended. It is respectfully submitted that no new matter has been added.

Favorable consideration, entry of the foregoing amendments, and early passage to issue of the application are earnestly solicited.

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